

## Minutes of the July 7, 2010 Animal Control Commission

The Animal Control Commission met on Thursday July 7, 2010 in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

Members present: Laura Bartrom, C.J. Jones, Sarah Davis, Tom Shutes, Lt. Chris Weaver, LPD, Melissa Wilkes, Legal Counsel and Ed Chosnek, Legal Counsel.

The Commission met in a special session due to appeals of tickets by Shauntesy Boyce, 2200 Powder House Lane and a request from Animal Control to have dogs euthanized due to alleged violation of a vicious animal agreement.

Ms. Bartrom called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Mr. Chosnek asked if Shauntesy Boyce was present in the Chamber and if so, could he step the microphone. Mr. Boyce presented to the microphone. Mr. Chosnek asked Mr. Boyce if he was the owner of two Rottweiler's named Nicko and Danger that were taken from him by Animal Control approximately 10 days ago with the intention that the dogs be put down due to breach of a vicious dog agreement. Mr. Boyce stated he was the owner and he has had both dogs since they were pups approximately four years and while he is aware of the plan to put the dogs down, he stated he never signed the vicious dog agreement. Mr. Chosnek presented an agreement to Mr. Boyce and asked if it was his signature on the paper. Mr. Boyce said it was not, that his wife had signed it and he was not aware of the agreement until today. Mr. Chosnek asked Mr. Boyce if he was aware the hearing tonight was to determine if his dogs should be euthanized. Mr. Boyce stated that he was. Mr. Chosnek asked if he was prepared to proceed with the hearing. Mr. Boyce stated he was not, that he would like to consult with an attorney before any decisions were made. Mr. Chosnek asked Mr. Boyce if he was aware that he will be responsible to pay the cost to the Almost Home Humane Society to house the dogs until the decision is made. Mr. Boyce stated that he was aware and willing to pay the costs; he is also supply food daily for the animals. The Animal Control Commission agreed to set another session to allow Mr. Boyce time to consult with an attorney. The Next meeting was set for Thursday July 22, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber.

Complete Audio of the meeting is available on the city website and on file in the City Clerks Office. Minute prepared by Sue Scott, Deputy Clerk